

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice:

Please add new claims 20-39 as follows:

--20. (New) A method of restraining a pet in conjunction with a boundary fence, said method comprising the steps of:

defining a maximum cross-sectional width of a hole the pet is expected to dig under the fence;

providing a restraint anchor that defines respective widths in at least two orthogonal dimensions that are each larger than the maximum cross-sectional width; and

attaching the restraint anchor to the pet.

21. (New) A method of restraining a pet in conjunction with a boundary fence, said method comprising the steps of:

defining a maximum cross-sectional width of a hole the pet is expected to dig under the fence;

providing a pet restraint system comprising

a tether line having a first end and a second end,

a harness attached to the first end, and

a restraint anchor attached to the second end, wherein the restraint anchor defines respective widths in at least two orthogonal dimensions that are each larger than the maximum cross-sectional width; and

attaching the harness to the pet.

22. (New) The method as in claim 21, wherein the pet restraint system includes a connector through which the harness attaches to the second end.

23. (New) The method as in claim 21, including a snap bolt and a swivel eye through which the harness attaches to the second end.

24. (New) The method as in claim 21, wherein the restraint anchor is a semi-deformable, hollow sphere.

25. (New) The method as in claim 21, wherein the tether line is a polyvinyl chloride line.

26. (New) The method as in claim 21, wherein the tether line is a steel cable.

27. (New) The method as in claim 21, wherein the pet restraint system further comprises at least one elongated sleeve that surrounds the tether line between the harness and the restraint anchor.

28. (New) The method as in claim 21, wherein the harness is a break away collar.

29. (New) The method as in claim 21, wherein the harness is a shoulder harness.

30. (New) The method as in claim 21, wherein each of the respective widths in the at least two orthogonal dimensions is greater than a width across shoulders of the pet.

31. (New) A method of restraining a pet in conjunction with a boundary fence, said method comprising the steps of:

defining a maximum cross-sectional width of a hole the pet is expected to dig under the fence;

providing a pet restraint system comprising

a tether line having a first end and a second end,

a harness attached to the first end, and

a restraint anchor attached to the second end, wherein the restraint anchor

defines respective widths in at least two orthogonal dimensions that are each larger than the maximum cross-sectional width; and

attaching the harness to the pet so that the tether line is releasably attached to the pet.

32. (New) The method as in claim 31, wherein the pet restraint system includes a connector through which the harness attaches to the second end.

33. (New) The method as in claim 31, wherein the pet restraint system includes a connector through which the harness attaches to the second end, the connector having a manually releasable clasp disposed at one end thereof and a non-releasable clasp disposed at an opposite end thereof.

34. (New) The method as in claim 31, wherein the restraint anchor is formed from a semi-deformable polymer.

35. (New) The method as in claim 34, wherein the semi-deformable polymer is rubber.

36. (New) The method as in claim 31, wherein the tether line is an elastic material.

37. (New) The method as in claim 31, wherein the tether line is a metal alloy material.

38. (New) The method as in claim 31, wherein the pet restraint system includes at least one elongated sleeve that surrounds the tether line between the connector and the restraint anchor.

39. (New) The method as in claim 31, wherein each of the respective widths in the at least two orthogonal dimensions is greater than a width across shoulders of the pet.--